

Annual Survey of the Center for Security and Democracy (October 2024)

Internal Security

This survey was conducted for the Center for Security and Democracy in partnership with the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute, between October 7–13, 2024, using a representative sample of 600 Jews and 150 Arabs.

To what extent do you trust each of the following institutions?

1. The police

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Not at all	19.8	16.1	38.0
Not so much	34.9	37.8	20.5
Quite a lot	31.2	33.9	18.0
Very much	11.1	11.0	11.6
Don't know	3.0	1.2	11.9
Total	100	100	100

2. In your opinion, in general, does the Israel Police behave fairly toward the Israeli public?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain it does	6.2	4.1	16.4
Think it does	39.9	41.8	30.8
Think it does not	33.9	36.4	21.7
Certain it does not	15.2	13.8	21.9
Don't know	4.8	3.9	9.2
Total	100	100	100

3. How worried are you that you or your family might be hurt by serious violence or shooting as part of a criminal event?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
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Very worried	15.4	10.6	38.8
Quite worried	26.3	25.7	29.3
Not so worried	37.5	41.8	16.6
Not at all worried	15.5	16.9	8.7
Don't know	5.3	5.0	6.6
Total	100	100	100

Would you make a complaint to the police in the following cases?

4. If you were the victim of a violent crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	61.8	61.2	64.7
Think I would	21.2	22.5	14.8
Think I would not	5.8	6.1	4.6
Certain I would not	8.2	8.5	6.8
Don't know	3.0	1.7	9.1
Total	100	100	100

5. If you witnessed a violent crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	38.9	36.9	48.7
Think I would	31.2	33.9	18.4
Think I would not	12.9	13.0	12.4
Certain I would not	10.5	10.6	10.1
Don't know	6.5	5.6	10.4
Total	100	100	100

6. If you were the victim of property crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	54.5	53.1	61.3
Think I would	25.4	27.7	14.2
Think I would not	8.4	8.5	7.9

Certain I would not	7.9	8.2	6.7
Don't know	3.8	2.5	9.9
Total	100	100	100

7. If you witnessed property crime

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Certain I would	31.5	27.3	52.0
Think I would	30.0	33.2	14.3
Think I would not	17.8	18.6	13.9
Certain I would not	13.5	14.0	11.2
Don't know	7.2	6.9	8.6
Total	100	100	100

To what extent would each of the following scenarios give you a feeling of security?

8. If large numbers of civilians carry firearms in public spaces

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	23.9	27.7	5.5
Quite a lot	23.8	28.0	3.4
Not so much	21.0	23.4	8.9
Not at all	25.1	16.5	66.8
Don't know	6.2	4.4	15.4
Total	100	100	100

9. If there is a licensed firearm in my home

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Very much	29.2	33.4	8.9
Quite a lot	22.6	25.3	8.9
Not so much	18.8	19.9	13.4
Not at all	22.9	16.2	55.7
Don't know	6.5	5.2	13.1
Total	100	100	100

10. With which of the following statements do you agree more strongly? [Responses read in a random order]

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
The state should provide security to its citizens by deploying security forces more heavily	82.0	83.8	73.4
Civilians should carry weapons and take care of their own security	10.9	12.5	3.4
Don't know	7.1	3.7	23.2
Total	100	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

11. Pressure by politicians results in decisions made by the police command and by police officers in the field not being based solely on professional considerations

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	33.2	34.6	26.4
Somewhat agree	32.2	33.5	25.5
Somewhat disagree	14.1	15.3	8.2
Strongly disagree	9.2	8.0	15.5
Don't know	11.3	8.6	24.4
Total	100	100	100

12. Decisions by police officers in the field are mainly influenced by their personal and political views regarding different population groups (e.g., Arabs, LGBTQ, Haredim)

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	21.2	21.3	20.5
Somewhat agree	35.1	35.9	31.5
Somewhat disagree	22.0	24.9	8.3
Strongly disagree	9.2	8.2	14.2
Don't know	12.5	9.7	25.5
Total	100	100	100

13. In order to maintain the independence of the police, the minister of national security should refrain from involvement in appointments

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	40.8	41.6	36.9
Somewhat agree	19.7	20.4	16.6
Somewhat disagree	15.2	16.6	8.6
Strongly disagree	12.4	12.2	13.7
Don't know	11.9	9.2	24.2
Total	100	100	100

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

14. Demonstrations are an important tool for citizens in a democratic state, even if they disrupt public order and inconvenience other citizens

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	27.0	26.9	28.0
Somewhat agree	28.8	29.7	24.6
Somewhat disagree	19.8	21.4	11.6
Strongly disagree	18.6	20.1	11.5
Don't know	5.8	1.9	24.3
Total	100	100	100

15. The police maintain the correct balance between the freedom to protest and public order considerations (for example, freedom of movement)

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Strongly agree	8.1	8.3	7.3
Somewhat agree	29.3	30.6	23.0
Somewhat disagree	33.5	36.6	18.6
Strongly disagree	20.5	19.5	25.4
Don't know	8.6	5.0	25.7
Total	100	100	100

16. Have you asked the police for assistance during the last year (e.g., called the police, asked an officer for assistance, filed a complaint)?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	16.2	17.7	8.7
No	83.8	82.3	91.3
Total	100	100	100

17. Have you participated in a demonstration or rally during the last year?

	Total sample	Jews	Arabs
Yes	22.3	25.2	8.3
No	77.7	74.8	91.7
Total	100	100	100

The national survey of IDI's Center for Security and Democracy was carried out in partnership with the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research at the Israel Democracy Institute. The survey was conducted via the internet and by telephone (to include groups that are under-represented on the internet) between October 7–13, 2024, with 600 men and women interviewed in Hebrew and 150 in Arabic, constituting a nationally representative sample of the adult population in Israel aged 18 and over. The maximum sampling error was $\pm 3.58\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. Field work was carried out by Shiluv I²R. The full data file is available at <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il/>.